## PLEASE ACCEPT 7/1/4 - CHOISING Choice Voucher SECTION 8



HGVs

allow families to move into neighborhoods close to jobs, better schools, transportation, and necessary services.



HGV<sub>s</sub>

are refused as payment for rent by an estimated 60% of Tompkins County housing providers.



74%

Female-Headed Households who comprise only 51% of the County population





Who Are We?



20%

African-Americans who comprise only 4% of the County population

Nearly 2,000
Tompkins County
households rely on
HEVs for housing



HEVS

when fully utilized, limit segregation while creating diverse and mixed-income neighborhoods.





46%

Persons with disabilities who comprise only 10% of the County population

In Tompkins County, it is *not* unlawful for landlords to refuse to rent to tenants who use HCVs to pay rent, even when they are otherwise qualified and able to pay it. In order to eliminate this practice, communities across the nation have created local laws that offer their residents Source of Income protection so that persons who use HCVs have to access safe and decent housing. The Office of Human Rights wants Tompkins County to be one of those communities. To get involved in this effort, contact OHR at 607.277.4080 or humanrights@tompkins-co.org.

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